

I . Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships

(1) Types and their conditions : There are seven types in Japanese Government Scholarships.

(FY 2009 Budget)

Type of Scholarship	Age	Fields of Study	Other Requirements	Monthly Stipend	Field Study Allowance	Japanese Language Training	Other	Duration	Number of new Grantee
Young Leaders' Program (YLP) Students	(1) (3) (4) (5) under 40 (2) under 35	(1) School of Government (2) Business Administration (3) Law (4) Local Governance (5) Medical Administration	University or college graduates who have practical work experience	¥258,000	Supplied within the budget	Not available		1 year	70
Research Students (Graduate School Students & Research Students)	under 35	Social Science and Humanities: Literature, History, Aesthetics, Law, Politics, Economics, Commerce, Pedagogy, Psychology, Sociology, Music, Fine Arts, etc. Natural Sciences: Pure Science, Engineering, Agriculture, Fisheries, Pharmacology, Medicine, Dentistry, Home Economics	University or college graduates (or prospect) Those who have academic ability equal to that of a university graduate	Non-degree students: ¥152,000 Master's course: ¥154,000	Not available	6 months (those with sufficient Japanese ability are exempted)		Up to 2 years	4,770
Teacher Training Students		Education	University or teacher training college graduates who have over 5 years of experience as (1) teachers in active service of primary or secondary schools, or (2) teachers on teacher training service, or (3) staffs of educational administration service	Doctoral course: ¥155,000 (Additional stipend for designated area)				Up to 1.5 years	155
Undergraduate Students	From 17 to 21	(1) Social Science and Humanities: A: Law, Politics, Pedagogy, Sociology, Literature, History, Japanese Language and others B: Economics, Business Administration (2) Natural Sciences: A: Science (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), Electric & Electronic Studies (Electronics, Electrical Eng., Information Eng.), Mechanical Studies (Mechanical Eng., Naval Architecture), Civil Eng., and Architecture (Civil Eng., Architecture, Environmental Eng.), Chemical Studies (Applied Chemistry, Chemical Eng., Industrial Chemistry, Textile Eng.), Other fields (Metallurgical Eng., Mining Eng., Maritime Engineering, Biotechnology) B: Agricultural Studies (Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry, Agricultural Eng., Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine, Forestry, Food Science, Fisheries) Hygienic Studies (Pharmacy, Hygienics, Nursing), Science (Biology) C: Medicine, Dentistry	Those who have completed secondary school, and are eligible for entering a university in their country	¥125,000 (Additional stipend for designated area)		1 year	*Transportation: One round-trip ticket * Tuition: Exemption of examination, entrance and tuition fee	5 years (7 years: Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Pharmaceutical Sciences of 6 year system)	478
College of Technology Students		Mechanical Eng., Electrical and Electronic Eng., Information, Communication and Network Eng., Materials Eng., Architecture and Civil Eng., Maritime Eng., Other Fields	Those who have completed secondary school (11-years or longer curriculum starting at elementary school) or prospect					4 years (4.5yrs: Marine Eng.)	90
Specialized Training College Students		Civil Eng., Architecture, Electrical Eng., Electronics, Telecommunication, Nutrition, Infant Education, Secretarial Studies, Hotel Management, Tourism, Fashion, Dress Making, Fashion Accessories, Design, Photography, Other Fields	Those who have completed secondary school, and are eligible for entering a university in their country					3 years	110
Japanese Studies Students	From 18 to 29	Japanese Studies (Japanese Language, Affairs and Culture)	University students (undergraduates)			Not available		1 school year	340

(2) Application Procedure

① Embassy Recommendation (Application through Japanese embassies)

Recruiting covers all scholarship categories. However, because recruiting targets will differ by country and region, potential applicants should check closely with the Japanese embassy in their own specific country or region.

The initial screening is comprised of a document inspection, a written test and an interview. Subjects of the written test vary somewhat by country and region, but generally consist of the following.

Category	Test
Research Students	Japanese, English
Teacher Training Students	Japanese, English
Specialized Training College Students	Mathematics, English, Japanese
Undergraduate Students	Japanese, English, Mathematics or Science (two subjects from Chemistry, Physics and Biology)
College of Technology Students	Mathematics, Physics or Chemistry, Japanese, English
Japanese Studies Students	Japanese

The local Japanese embassies conduct their screening on the basis of these test results, and then make their recommendations to MEXT. MEXT confers with the selection committee, deliberates with the host schools, and then makes its final selections. While candidates may express their preferences for specific schools of study, the final decision will be made by MEXT.

For further details, candidates should contact the Japanese embassy in their own specific country or region.

② Application through Japanese Universities

-1 University Recommendation (selection of new applicants before they arrive in Japan)

Based on the university exchange agreement, Japanese universities conduct their examinations of the international student candidates, with recommendations made to MEXT as research students or Japanese studies students. MEXT confers with the

selection committee, and then makes its selections. For further details, candidates should contact their current school of enrollment.

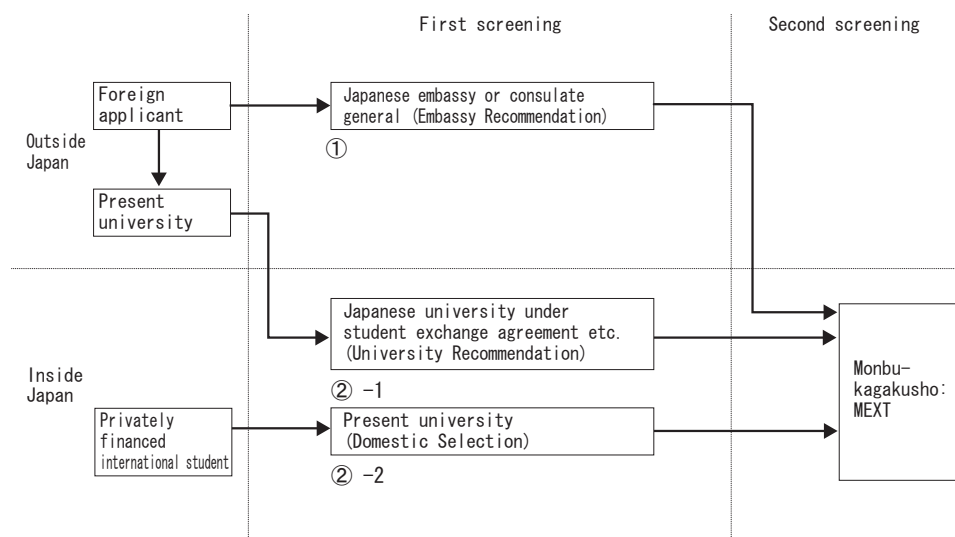
-2 Domestic Selection (selection of privately financed students already in Japan)

Targeted under this category are privately financed students currently studying at Japanese universities. Qualified are third-year undergraduates expected to advance to fourth-year regular student status (sixth-year status in the case of medical, dental or veterinary students or those majoring in 6-year system pharmaceutical sciences), fourth-year students expected to advance to regular Master's program student status, or Master's or Doctoral students expected to remain as regular students for one year or longer. Applicants with excellent academic records are chosen to attend from the new school year as undergraduate or research students.

For further details, candidates should contact their current school of enrollment.

Applicants must pass this first stage and then a second stage of screening by MEXT (document screening) before a final decision is made.

The general flow of an application is as follows.



For Young Leaders Program, the recruitment will be conducted through the embassies of Japan in target countries upon the recommendation of recommending authorities. Initial selection will be made through document screening, interviewing, essay writing, etc.. The second selection will be done by YLP Committee set in MEXT, and hence the final decision on candidates.

(3) Recruiting, Arrival in Japan

The recruiting period will differ by country and region, although the following timing normally applies.

	Category	Recruiting period	Arrival in Japan (scholarship payment start-up)
Embassy Recommendation	Research Students	Mar.	April or October of following year
	Undergraduate Students		April of following year
	Teacher Training Students	Dec.	October of same year
	College of Technology Students	Mar.	April of following year
	Specialized Training College Students		
	Japanese Studies Students	Dec.	September or October of same year
University Recommendation	Japanese Studies Students	Feb.-Apr.	October of same year
	Research Students		October of same year
Domestic Selection	Research Students	Sep.	April of following year
	Undergraduate Students		